works for improvement in riding quality in aggregate length of 33 kms. and reconstruction of five number of bridges have been sanctioned for an aggregate amount of Rs. 22.53 crore, since 2004-05. Repair and maintenance of NHs is a continuous process.

National Waterways in Kerala

199. SHRI K.E. ISMAIL: Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the length of waterways which has been declared as National Waterways in Kerala;

(b) the estimated amount-proposed for the restoration of these waterways;

(c) the amount that has been allotted to Kerala by the Centre in the current financial year to undertake the work;

(d) whether any complaint has been received that the amount earmarked in the current years' budget is very meagre; and

(e) considering very low cost of transportation through waterways, would the centre allot sufficient funds to complete work as early as possible?

THE MINISTER OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI T. R. BAALU): (a) The length of National Waterways in Kerala is 205 km.

(b) to (e) The estimated cost of making this National Waterways fully functional is Rs. 76.95 crores. A provision is Rs. 15.74 crores has been made for the year 2006-07. No complaint has been received regarding this year's budget provision for this Waterways. Efforts will be made to provide adequate funds for the early completion of work.

Goa Expressway

200. SHRI SHANTARAM LAXMAN NAIK: Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Goa Government are proposing to construct an expressway in the State running from north to south;

(b) if so, whether the State Government have approached the Central Government for financial assistance, technical advise or for permission with respect to the said project; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI K H. MUNIAPPA): (a) and (b) This Ministry is primarily responsible for the development and maintenance of National Highways. Government of Goa are proposing to construct an Expressway which is not on a National Highway and for which they have not sought any financial assistance, technical advice or permission from the Ministry.

(c) Does not arise.

Expressway between Delhi-Gurgaon

201. SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY: Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are laying an Expressway between Delhi and Gurgaon;

(b) if so, the details thereof with projected cost and funds spent so far, and the original and revised schedule for completion of the project;

(c) whether considering the slow progress of the project, NHAI fears considerable overrun of cost and time;

(d) whether other Expressways have been planned and implemented in other parts of the country;

(e) if so, the details thereof and the present status of each project; and

(f) the measures taken to ensure that all projects, including Delhi-Gurgaon Expressway are completed as per the set norms, cost and time-schedule?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI K. H. MUNIAPPA): (a) to (c) Yes, Sir. Details of the project cost, funds spent, original and revised schedule for completion of Delhi Gurgaon Expressway are as follows:—